

C.) REMARKS:

1. Introduction

Claims 1-6, 8-27 and 29-43 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1 and 23 are independent. The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in prior claims 7-14, 16-22, 28-35 and 37-43. Accordingly, the allowable subject matter in claims 7 and 28 have been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 23, respectively.

Other amendments to pending claims 8, 9, 29 and 30 have also been made, but only to clarify the scope of that which the Applicants regard as his invention, and is not meant to limit the scope of such claims as existed prior to such amendments, or limit the applicability of any equivalents thereto.

No new subject matter has been added to this application by these amendments.

2. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

All outstanding rejections of the pending claims are believed to be overcome by the incorporation of allowable subject matter from claims 7 and 28 into pending independent claims 1 and 23, respectively. All remaining dependent claims include such allowable subject matter via their ultimate dependency on one of the amended independent claims. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

3. Double Patenting Rejection

In response to the provisional double-patenting rejection based on US Patent Appl. Ser. No. 09/616,897, the Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in favor of the same application. Removal of this rejection is therefore earnestly solicited.

3. Conclusion

This amendment is responsive to each issue raised in the Office Action dated March 12, 2004. All rejections of pending claims and other remaining rejections and objections have been

overcome above. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests allowance of each of the pending claims as presented herein, and issuance of the present application.

Please note that a REVOCATION OF ASSOCIATE POWER OF ATTORNEY AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY AND CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS in favor of the undersigned attorney has been filed with this Response. Please direct all correspondence to the address corresponding to Customer No. 26652 (AT&T Corp, Room 2A-207, One AT&T Way, Bedminster, NJ, 07921) as stated therein.

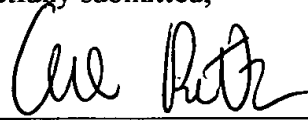
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if it will advance the prosecution of this application.

In the event that a further extension of time is required in addition to that requested previously herein, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to the below-signed practitioner's deposit account number: 502396.

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